

# April 2010

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## Troop Newsletter

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 698, Burke, Virginia  
Patriot District, National Capital Area Council  
Meeting Place: White Oaks School Cafeteria,  
Mondays (except holidays), 7:30-8:45 p.m.



### April Events

5 April	6:45 pm	PLC Meeting
	7:00 pm	Court of Honor WOES
12 April	7:30 pm	Troop Meeting WOES Filler-Corn Guest Speaker
19 April	7:30 pm	Troop Meeting WOES Committee Meeting
24-25 April		Astronomy Day at Sky Meadows and Campout
26 April	7:30 pm	Troop Meeting WOES

### Down Range Events

1 May	Yard Sale - WOES
15-16 May	District Aviation Day Campout
12-13 June	Backpack Campout
5 June	Shehadi Eagle Scout Court of Honor
19 June	Summer COH and Troop Picnic
18-24 July	Summer Camp Bayport

### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

In the great Midwest where I grew up, I met a Survivor man and he knew how to get many things done with very little resources. He had almost nothing to work with, but accomplished great things. Whether the task was to build a fire underwater or stop a waterfall from falling, it seemed he could take care of it. I was so amazed to see the things he could do. I finally asked him how he did it. He told me that a long time ago he had found a magical solution to nearly all challenges that came along. He said it was all contained in a single, ancient word that had mystic powers. When you understand the meaning of the word, it unleashes immense strength and abilities; it makes your mind clearer; it makes your imagination run wild with ideas. Well, of course, I could hardly contain myself and I just had to know what this powerful magic was. I pleaded with him to tell me and he finally agreed.

He said the word is, 'YAGODDAWANNA'.

In order to accomplish anything, whether it is small or big, easy or difficult, trivial or of utmost importance, in order to be successful, you've got to want to do it. To earn good grades, you gotta wanna earn them. To become an Eagle Scout, ya godda wanna be one. To do your best in sports or the band, you godda wanna be the best by practicing hard every day. The main reason people don't succeed at something is because they don't really want it bad enough. By really wanting

something, you come up with ideas, make plans, and then do it.

Remember, to do something YaGoddawanna do it.

**Scoutmaster Nesley**

### SENIOR PATROL LEADER

Look for my note next month.

**Thomas Zdancewicz SPL**

### COMMITTEE CHAIR NOTES

The next Troop Committee Meeting will be Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at WOES. All parents and leaders are encouraged to attend. We have a busy agenda and look forward to seeing everyone there. Questions? Please contact Mike Post Committee Chair 703-250-5562 or [mpost@shirleycontracting.com](mailto:mpost@shirleycontracting.com)

*Mike Post*  
**Committee Chair**

**Troop Committee Meeting**

**April 19th**

**7:30 pm at WOES**

### UNIT COMMISSIONER NOTES

Please continue to use the on-line training found at the NCAC site. Ensure that your training account has your BSA ID so that your records can flow through into the Council (NCAC).

Here is what I have on the Commissioner side...

We have two new people filling positions on the BSA side.

1. Gary Carroll will replace Peter Johnson as the District Executive for the Patriot District. Peter has been promoted within our Council. Gary's contact info is "Gary Carroll" <gcarroll@boyscouts-ncac.org>
2. The new Scout Executive for the National Area Capital Council is Les Baron who will replace Al Lambert. Al has been promoted within BSA (see announcement below).

*Tom Dierpoint*  
**Unit Commissioner**

### HOSPITALITY CHAIR

Hi All,

Just a reminder that the Boy Scouts have a Court of Honor scheduled for Monday, 5 April at 7 pm at White Oaks. There is no meal planned for this Court of Honor, but if the families with last names beginning with A-L could please bring desserts and families with last names beginning with M-Z could please bring drinks to share, we would really appreciate it! Plastic ware and plates will be provided. Thanks!

*Connie Meskill*  
Hospitality Chair

## COURT OF HONOR

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

At WOES

At 7 pm

to either South Run sometime or OKM when it opens.  
**The 5 boys doing high adventure will have to take their swim test at camp.**

-\$375 for high adventure activities  
(High adventure participants must be 13 by January)  
-\$260 for Rappahannock Scout Camp.  
Our troop will be attending during the week of July 18. Check out the Bayport Scout

## Miriam Heston

Outdoors Activities Director and Troop Secretary

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



SUMMER CAMP

**Bayport Scout Reservation,  
Jamaica, VA  
July 18-24**

It's getting to the time when I need a head count of boys for summer camp at Bayport. The URL is [www.bayportsr.org](http://www.bayportsr.org). The new scouts will attend the Nighthawk program (<http://www.bayportsr.org/nighthawk.htm>). Older scouts will do merit badge work, etc., at Rappahannock. The list of merit badges being offered is <http://www.bayportsr.org/forms/2010%20MB%20Schedule2.pdf>. Prerequisites are here: <http://www.bayportsr.org/forms/Revised%20prerequisite%20form2.pdf>. The swim test form is <http://www.bayportsr.org/forms/BSR%20Swim%20Test.pdf> and the swim test can be conducted BEFORE summer camp this year, so we need to get everyone



# Yard Sale!!!

**Saturday, May 1st at  
WOES**

**Remember to be saving  
your unneeded household  
items for donation to the  
Troop Yard Sale!**

Contact Pat Eaton for further information at [4eatons@cox.net](mailto:4eatons@cox.net)



*Congratulations to Matt Karas for becoming an Eagle Scout!  
Well Done!*



Burke Lake Camping Trip March



Hanging out



Photo  
Gallery



Celebrating Scott's Birthday



Enjoying Cake



Blue and Gold Cross-Over Ceremony



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**Troop 698 Official Leadership Positions**

**Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders:**

**Thomas Zdancewicz and Zach Newby**

**Patrol Leaders: Matt Karas**

**Assistant Patrol Leaders: Tristan Crum**

**Troop Guide: Andrew Pierpoint**

**Librarian: Daniel Song**

**Chaplin's Aide: Tanner Post**

**Quartermaster: Jake Koehler**

**Scribe (Troop Attendance): Todd Lincoln**

**Scribe (Rank Advance): Andrew Snellings**

**Bugler: Bobby Eaton**



**To all the Parents who volunteer  
Their time to troop 698!**

**You are very much appreciated!!**

From the Editor

Do you have any info or suggestions you would like to put in the newsletter next month

Please contact Crystal Crum  
[Crumdom@verizon.net](mailto:Crumdom@verizon.net)



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